all the marks on his body characteristic of the

NATIONAL BOARD OF STEAM NAVIGATION.

A meeting of the New-York Board of Steam

Navigation was held at No. 40 Burling slip yesterday,

to make preparation for the sessions of the National Board of Steam Navigation, which will be held in this

city next week. The following programme was ar-

rauged: On Tuesday, Aug. 31, the Executive Committee

of the National Board will meet at 10 a. m., at the

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, the Board will meet at the same

hour and place for the transaction of business; in the

City of Richmond, which will probably be the largest ocean stromer in port at that time. On Friday, Sept. 3,

FAILURES IN NEWARK.

with the settlements of the bankrupt firms of Howell &

is understood that the Hon. Nehemiah Perry, Mayor of

with which the firms began business in the interest of his

house and the other the nominal head of the

Newark firm. It is reported that negotia-

Wood, where the competitive gymnastic exercises, which

had been postponed on Monday, on account of the rain,

were held. The exercises on the horizontal bar attracted

much attention, some of the contestants exhibiting great

strength, agility, and endurance. There was also a swimming race in the East River. Twelve swimmers

THE FAULHABER MYSTERY.

of last week. The first witness examined was John

Bischoff, who testified that he kept a saloon at No. 277 Sixth-st., Jersey City; he knew Caspar Faolhaber, and

last saw him alive in his saloon on Saturday, Aug. 14,

about S o'clock; Faulhaber was in company with Alex-

REMOVAL OF COENTIES REEF.

The Pilot Commissioners met yesterday.

Several complaints were received and ordered to be

acted upon at the next meeting. On Monday the Com-

missioners, accompanied by Gen. Newton and two pilots,

visited Coenties Reef. They sounded the water with a

GAS EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN.

While E. G. Webster of No. 394 Clinton-

## LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE RAPID TRANSIT PROBLEM. PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD-VIEWS OF THE COMMISSIONERS-THE FINAL PLAN TO BE CHOSEN

The Rapid Transit Commissioners yesterday received communications and plans from F. T. Rowland and H. H. Buel. J. G. Wilson's plan, represented by J. B. Serrell, was given a hearing before Fagineer Newton. Mr. Rowland offered for himself and his associates to nstruct a double-track rapid transit elevated road from the Buttery at South Ferry, through Whitehall, Beaver ond, Nassau, and Chatham-sts., and the Bowery and ave., to the Harlem River, with a branch to the Grand Central Depot, provided that the Commissioners ap-proved of the plan of Serrell and Wilson, which has already been described in THE TRIBUNE. No action has yet been taken on this communication. President Courtright and George R. Scott, counsel for the Greenwich Street Elevated Railroad, appeared before the Commisnoners, and occupied the whole of the session with their

arguments.

The Commissioners appear to agree that the route will soon be decided upon. Commissioner Brown said that they were likely to agree and settle upon a plan by Sept. upanimous decision very soon. He believed it to be the desire of all of the Commissioners to fix the fare at five cents for any distance between the Battery and Harlem idge. He was in favor of making it three cents if posthe pockets of the poorer classes, but would enable them to live in the suburban districts, and thus empty the over

to live in the suburban districts, and thus empty the overcrowded tenement-houses, which would then give place to
business blocks and warchouses. The London Underground Railroad made a profit of 2 cents on each passenger, and at least as much should be made here with
a cheaper road.

Commissioner Deismater said that he considered it
quite probable that Third-ave, and the Bowery might be
chosen for the reute down as far as Chatham-at. Below
that point he could not indicate the probable course of
the roate, as the Commissioners were puzzled by the
tortuous streets at the lower end of the city. There were
only three or four good main routes to be chosen above
Chatham-at. On Friday the Commissioners will make
their inspection of the route.

ALLEGED FORGERIES OF WILLIAM J. RAE. NOTES PURPOLITING TO BE SIGNED BY L. M. BATIS & CO. FOUND UPON HIM-HE IS HELD FOR THIAL ON PREVIOUS CHARGES.

It has been stated that the dry goods importing house of L. M. Bates & Co. of No. 451 Broadway were recently the victims of a swindle, by the offering

journment of the Court, out of respect to his memory Mr. Angell, a fellow townsman of Judge Grover, and Mr liet, in brief speeches, seconded the motion.

Chief-Justice Davis said the Court had heard wit! nore than ordinary pain of the death of Judge Grover, two of its members having been personally associate with him-one for over ten years, the other for five or atx. He had known Judge Grover well, in his private and personal excellence, as well as in his ability as a In his death the State had lost a judicial officer whose place it would be difficult to fill. Judge Grover was a man of remarkable natural ability. He suffered mewhat from a lack of early education, yet in spite of that no man attained to higher powers or exhibited greater force. He was well read in the law, his resources were deep, and he had a strong natural common sense or

thich he on all occasions fell back.

Judge Grover's career at the bar, Judge Davis con nued, was a remarkable one. As an advocate, he was clear, concise, and powerful. He rarely occupied an our in an argument. His rule was to seize a few strong cints, and present them with precision and clearness to the jury, and with juries his success was remarkable. He never met his superior as an examiner. Instinctively avoided the common fault of pressing a cross-examination too far. On the bench he was subjected to an extraordinary mass of labor. Two of the Judges in his district had been disabled for years, and their work was ac-cumulated for him. He held court from 7 o'clock in the morning until 11 at night for weeks at a time. He wore out a naturally strong constitution by this severe labor. His native integrity, his parity and benesty of character, and his desire to be and to do right, had won for him the admiration of those who knew him, and with them raised to him a monument even greater than the coninens ren-dered by him in the Supreme Court and the Court of Ap-peals. The Court joined in the expression of deep regret. This loss was to them the tearing assuader of ties of friendship. The order of adjournment would be entered by the Clerk. In the Supreme Court, Chambers, the Hon. Robert S. trict had been disabled for years, and their work was ac-

by the Cierk.

In the Supreme Court, Chambers, the Hon. Robert S. Hart moved an adjournment for the same cause. Judge Tappen said that by the death of Judge Grover the State had lost a prominent etitzen of high character, a jurist of distinguished ability, of large and extensive experience, a man of learning, integrity, and usefulness in every respect. He had filled high stations in the public service, and his eminent position as a Judge of the Court of Appeals of this State at the time of his death made it it at and proper that this motion should be acceded to, and that the Court should adjourn, as a token of respect for his meaning.

his memory.

Judge Freedman, in Superior Court, Special Term, on motion of S. J. Courtney and W. H. Bougaton, and Judge Robinson, in Common Pleas, Special Term, on motion of C. Bailbridge Smith and C. W. Brooke, also adjourned their Courts.

THE KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL

ENVESTIGATION BY THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS-TESTIMONY IN RELATION TO THE ALLEGED MAL-TREATMENT OF PATIENTS-THE CHARGES DE

The Kings County Charity Commissioners yesterday began an investigation into the alleged inhu-man treatment of several patients in the County Hospital at Flatbush. The principal complainants are Mrs. Pen-aington of No. 83 Gold-et., and Miss Eliza Jane Graham.

Mrs. Pennington affirmed that while she was a patient at the Hospital, she was neglected, cursed, and beaten by a drunken nurse named Mrs. Hardy who knocked out her apper teeth and otherwise greatly abused her. Miss Graam corroborated Mrs. Pennington's story in all partien lars. It was also stated that Mrs. Hardy had maltreated other patients, and that a Mrs. loran had taken a girl out of bed by the hair, and thrown her into a bath-tub to be washed, the girl having a loathsome disease, and the nurses avoiding her all they could; and that Mary Keegan of Franklin-st. was beaten so badly on a Friday that she died on the following Sunday. The complainants said they were afraid to tell the

The investigation yesterday was begun by the examination of Mary Paelan and Cornella Webb, two patients, who testified that they had never seen anything unproper on the part of the nurses. Annie Webb, nother patient, had heard Mrs. Hardy use profane language, but had never seen her strike any of the patients. She said Mrs. Hardy was rough and cross, but she had never seen her strike any of the patients. She said Mrs. Hardy was rough and cross, but she had never seen her strike any of the patients. She said Mrs. Hardy was rough and cross, but she had never seen her had never seen her had seen had had seen had been that they had seen firs. Hardy under the influence of liquor. Maggie Quirk, the girl who is alleged to have been thrown into the bath-bad denied that she had been maltreated.

Mrs. bridget Hardy and Mrs. Moran, the accused

nurses, denied all of the charges against them, and said that Mrs. Pennington had no upper teeth when she came to the hospital. Mrs. Eleanor Martin, the Matron of the Hospital, said she knew of nothing against the nurses. Dr. A. T. Bristow, medical assistant, testified that no complaints had been made to him, and that he had seen The investigation was adjourned till 11 a. m. on Fri-

THE FORECLOSURE OF A WESTERN RAIL-ROAD. PROCLEDINGS OF GERMAN BONDHOLDERS AGAINST

THE ROCKFORD, ROCK ISLAND AND ST. LOUIS BAILROAD-STATEMENT OF H. OSTENBERG. H. Ostenberg, editor of The German-Ameri-

can Geonomist of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and the representative in this country of the German bondholders of the Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad, arrived in this city a few days ago from Chicago. He will leave to-day by the steamer Algeria for Frankfort-on-the bondholders of all that has been done by him during the past twelve months in the foreclosure suit against that railroad. In conversation with a reporter of THE TRIBUNE last evening, Mr. Ostenberg made the following state-

The suit which we brought against the Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad was really the first foreclosure suit that was ever carried out in this countrythat is, in so much as the bondholders have insisted that the former managers of the railroad and every one else should give way to the interests of mortgagees, and have thus far succeeded in carrying their point. Notwithstanding all kinds of that were thrown in my way, obstructions in the comparatively short time of ten months, we succeeded in obtaining a final decree of sale, which was to have taken place on Aug. 10, and I was in hopes that the different railroads which have a competing interest in St. Louis Railroad would get up sufficient strife to cause the sale was to have taken place, however, I learned that a ring had been formed by which it was the intention to anipulate matters in such a way that the members of this ring should get possession of the road for a mere

I therefore considered it to be to the interest of my clients to have the sale postponed until Aug. 16, when I bought in the road for \$1,320,000, of which I have paid confirmation of the sale by the Court. This will be in the early part of October, 1875. Immediately after I had bought the road, offers came to me from several rall-road companies to buy the road from the It has been stated that the dry goods importing house of L.M. Rates & Co. of No. 45 Broadway were recently the victums of a swinlle, by the offering for sale of notes purporting to have been singled by them. A reporter of Time Transvas called the min were called firm, and learned that on Friday has the firm were called firm, and learned that on Friday has the firm were called firm, and learned that on Friday has the firm were called firm, and learned that on Friday has the firm were called firm, and learned the firm of the firm were called firm, and learned them that open a great of the firm were called firm, and the firm of L.M. Bates & Co." When they were shown to Mr. Bates, he at once pronounced them forgers of the composing the words "1. M. Bates & Co." When they were shown to Mr. Bates, he at once pronounced them forgers. The letters composing the words "1. M. Bates & Co." When they were shown to Mr. Bates, he at once pronounced them forgers. The letters composing the words "1. M. Bates & Co." were different from his style of writing. As it is not customary for the senier partner of the house to sign checks and notes, the forger was easily detected, and it would have been impossible under any circumstance for lake to have neglected the notes.

Besides the forged checks there was found on the person of Rae a letter with the same forged signature, "L. M. Bates & Co.," addressed for Rae hisself, stating that the writers inclosed him their notes, amounting to \$10,000, given for commercial transactions, and requesting him to negotiate them on the best terms. It has been learned since that Rae made no attempt to need the forged notes, but that his was a house and handed all the paper alives his firm of L. M. Bates & Co., and in condimation of the firm of L. M. Bates & Co., and the condition of the firm of L. M. Bates & Co., and the condition of the firm of L. M. Bates & Co., and the condition of bondbolders. A deputation from the cities of Rock Island, Davenport, and Molina also

WORK OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS

-DECREASE OF THE DEATH RA E. Sanitary Superintendent Day reported to the Board of Health yesterday that the Sanitary Corps had made 2,022 inspections during the past week. The Disinfecting Corps visited 40 premises where contagi us diseases were found, and disinfected and fumigated 38 houses and their surroundings. The Ambulance Corps removed 23 cases of small-pox to the hospital, and one dead body to the Morgue. The following is a comparative statement of the contagious diseases for the past

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THE CHILDREN'S EXCURSION FUND. The following additional subscriptions to the Pour Calldren's Free Excursion Fund have been received by Edward King, Treasurer, at No. 73 Broadway.

W. P. P	200.00
From Little Henry	50
Bowie Dash, per Charles H. Marshall	100 00
America Vale	10 00
B., B. & Co	100 00
Jan. per Theodere Reosevelt	2.00
Muttle	10 00
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R Adams, per Tacodore Roosevelt	5 00
Little Charley	2 00
W. W. E. Wade, jr., per Charles H. Marshall	50.00
E. Wade, ir., per Charles H. Marshall	50.00
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R. B	10.00
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D. de Castro & Co	25.00
Excursions	2 00
Abram Merritt, Nyack	5 00
Mrs. H. N. R	2 00
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ACCIDENTS AT SEA.

At about 10 a. m. yesterday a large threemasted schooner, name unknown, ran ashore on a shoal near the Cape May Lighthouse. A strong north-east wind was blowing, and she struck so forcibly as to have her man and mizzen masts carried away about half way above the deek. The schooner remained on the shoal until high tide, when she floated off and made for the Dela ware Breakwater in a heavy ses.

The British bark Union has gone ashore on Coffin's Island, and, notwithstanding the efforts to save her, had to be broken up. The ship timbers and cargo have been sold. The vessel was built at Fictou in 1861, and registered 320 tons.

The bark Minerva, bound from Bras d'Or to New-York with a cargo of plaster, ran ashore on the Nova Scotia const, but got off yesterday, having been obliged to throw overboard 40 tons of cargo.

The British bark Leundor, bound from Liverpool to Yarmouth, N. S., ran ashore on Brier Island, but she was gotten off yesterday, only slightly injured, and proceeded on her voyage. masted schooner, name unknown, ran ashore on a shoal

THE NEW POST-OFFICE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS OCCUPATION. THE NEW BUILDING TO BE OCCUPIED ON SATURDAY -THE INTERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS-NEW FACIL-ITIES FOR THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Architect W. G. Steinetz, in charge of the new Post-Office building, expects that on Saturday the interior work of the building will be finished. Postmaster James has accordingly fixed upon Saturday night as the time for moving from the old into the new building. The force now at work is very large, consisting mostly of painters and cabinet-makers. The latter now are making wardrobes for the employes of the office, of which there will be 600, and putting up the counters and cases in the money-order department. It has been found necessary to add some temporary furniture to the de-partments on the first floor, as the appropriation for the new furniture has been exhausted. Some of the counters and distributing boxes from the old office will be used. Much of the new apparatus is an improvement on that previously used. With these exceptions, and a few others comparatively unimportant, the building is ready

for occupancy. and business at the old office will cease. The 400 men employed in the office will all be engaged in the work of transfer to the new structure. A force will be detailed at once to the new building to receive the mails as they be made until the moving is finished and the new office has been put in order. This probably will occupy the will take about four hours. All mail matter of every description remaining at the old office will be put in bags, labeled, and reassorted after the transfer. A large amount of material, such as old books, documents, stationery, and the like, will be removed before Saturday, with such other things as can be dispensed with for a few days. Mr. James will supervise the entire work, while his corps of assistants will each be in charge

of their special departments.

The bascufent, the first and second floors, and a balcony about 25 feet in width, which extends around the entire building between the first and second floors, will be occupied by the Post-Office Department. Entrance or all exthe building is obtained from several places on all except the City Hall side. The main entrance is through the great portice on the front, which opens into the large vestibule, from which two stairways lead to the balcony Entering through this vestibule, the first object seen is the row of posi-office boxes, which extend on both the Park-row and Broadway sides. The general direction of the cases which contain the boxes is parallel with these streets, though they are arranged in alcoves, thus giving double space. The boxes are 5,795 in number, and are provided with a metallic door, with lock and key, very much like those in the old building. A person having a box in the present office is provided with one having a corresponding number in the new building, on application, and three keys are furnished with each box, the owner making a deposit of \$1. In addition to the boxes, two rows of drawers are arranged under the boxes.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Beginning at the vestibule, along the corridor at the right, there are first several alcoves containing merchants' boxes, with an opening between each alcove, for beyond which is the general delivery, which occupies one alcove. Next in order are the arrangements for the news paper exchange derivery, consisting of two alcoves, with 389 large boxes, the bottom of each box being in an inclined position, so that the papers within will fall directly into any receptacle placed at the door when opened. Last in the corridor is the Fereign Department, which is concealed from the public, with the exception of the drops, of which there is one for each country, with the time when the mail leaves printed below it. Here also are the windows for the retail sale of stamps used on

corridor on the Broadway side, there are first two alcoves of merchants' boxes, as on the other side. Beyond these are the drops for city delivery, and then the domestic drops. Of the latter, there is one for each State in the Union, and below it is one for the metropolis of the same State. Beneath both these drops are printed announcements of the different hours of the day when the mails close. By means of this arrangement received half an hour later than otherwise. Mail matter thus dropped saves the work of distribution for all States thus dropped saves the work of distribution for an scarce except New-York. The letters for each State or city are gathered up by clerks, stamped, and tied in a bundle together and sent to the mail bags without further trouble. And this will also be a large saving of time for the different distributing offices all over the country. Heretofore mails, for the Western States were classed together, and a distribution by States made on the mail trains, while mail for different parts of States was usually distributed by the state state. But trains, while mail for different parts of States was usually distributed at some distributing office in that State. But after the present plan is in operation, mail for each State can be placed in a separate bag and the route agent will be able to classify it for the different sections in each State. Much extra labor will thus be saved, and greater dispatch in the transportation of matter be secured. Postmaster James expects that some confusion will at first result through the negligence of messengers to deliver their mail properly. He hopes, however, that business men will instruct them properly and hasfst upon a strict onservance of the regulations. Beyond the drops are six windows for the sale of stamps in sums less than 51.

are six windows for the sale of stamps in sums less than \$1.

The space inclosed by the boxes is of a triangular shape. Light is provided through the windows from the balcony, but chiefly through a large skylight 100 feet square, and 30 feet above the first floor. Above this skylight is a court, open to the weather and affording light and ventilation to the inner rooms of the floors above. At the south-western end of the room, at a conspicuous point, is an electric annualcator, the largest ever constructed, which will give unties of the time of the arrival and departure of all mails. Scattered throughout the room are tables and cases of boxes for mailing and distributing purposes, constructed of Western cherry and finished in sheilar and varnish. At the north end is a large somi-circular case containing large deep boxes into which

iribating purposes, constructed of Western cherry and finished in skeling and varnish. At the north end is a large semi-circular case containing large deep boxes into which the packages of letters, after being gathered from the drops, are thrown. On the back of each box are hooks for the attachment of bags, into which the matter slides at the opening of the door. This is a new arrangement, and contains 682 boxes.

All mails will be received on the City Hall side of the building, along the whole length of which are elevators. 10 in namber, remning to the basement, where everything except letters are distributed and mailed. All the employes in the basement, first floor, and balcony enter the building from the portice on this side. The arrangement of the basement is much like that of the upper floor, as regards the appliances for the work. The furniture, however, is constructed on a larger scale. Arranged around the oner walls of the room, which occupies, besides the entire floor of the building, the space under the flagging, are wardness with locks and keys, one to be furnished every employe. In the south-west corner, under the portice and pavement, is a space inclosed by massive from screens extending almost to the ceiling. The Department at Washington has set apart this inclosure for the storing of all the mail bags of the United States not in use.

Upon the balcony two doorways lead to the Registered

not in use.

Upon the balcony two doorways lead to the Registered Letter and Special Agency Departments respectively, brom this floor a view of the entire working force on the first floor is obtained, an iron balastrade running round the balcony. On the Parkrow side are, in addition to the Special Agency offices, storrooms for the casher's uses, where stamps, stamped envelopes, stationery, and other supplies will be kept. The value of stamps in the office is said to be often \$1,000,000, and sometimes more. From the landing at the first flight of stairs, nother starrway leads to the second floor, where are the Money Order offices, the Wholesale Stamp Department, and private offices of the Postmaster James is directly over the main portice, and is the finest room in the building. The room of the Assistant Postmaster opens to the west from this, and is somewhat smaller in size, toough similarly finished.

The officers of the different departments of the New-York Post-Office are as follows: Postmaster, T. L. James; Assistant, H. G. Pierson; Anditor, John J. Foore, Superintendent of Unpaid Postage Department, John Richards; Superintendent Newspaper Postage Department, Wm. H. Wareing; Clerk of Auditor's Department, John H. Purdy; Superintendent Mailing and Distributing Department, Annon Yeoman; Night Superintendent of the rame Department, D. A. Laurence; Superintendent of the Rame Department of Department, Department, Department, Department, Department, Department, Department, Department, Department, Department Department, Depar of in use. Upon the baleeny two doorways lead to the Registered

FAILURE OF A COTTON BROKER. Robert H. Johnson, cetton broker at No. 115
tearl-st., gave notice yesterday at the Cotton Exchange
but he was unable to neet his obligations. Upon in-Pearl-st., gave notice yesterday at the Cotton Exchange that he was unable to meet his obligations. Upon in-quiry at his office, Mr. Johnson stated that he was comperied to suspend payment last Spring. At that time he obtained an extension, but owing to the difficulty experienced in making collections recently, he had be able to meet the new obligations thus contracted, and he had therefore been compelled to make the amounteement mentioned. He said his limilities were small, and his affairs would doubtless be settled at the Cotton Exchange within the next 30 days, and without the expense that would be mearred by making an assignment.

CURIOUS CONTEST ABOUT AN ESTATE.

A curious case is pending before Surrogate Hutchings, in which the brother and sisters of one Stephen Marshall resist the claim of his alleged widow to his estate in this city. The question was referred to Clifford A. H. Bartlett, to take testimony as to the identity of Mr. Marshall and his marriage with the claimant. The testimony was voluminous and contradictory, but the referee reports in favor of the widow and the children claiming the property and against the brother and sisters. From the referee's report it appears that this Stephen 1852. He was pock-marked, had designs in India ink on his hands, or arms, and scars on both feet. In 1856 himself Stephen Marshall at Chinook, Pacific County Washington Territory, who, it was shown,

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT MUDNUTS. IN \$4. m. 66°. Noon, 69°. 3c. m. 72°. Midnight, 66°. Himnest during the day, 72°. Lowest, 62°. Average, 66°4°. Same day, 1874, 68°4°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

all the marks on his body characteristic of the Stephen Marshall, who had previously disappeared from the (ity of New-York. Three children were the offspiling of this marriage, and Marshall was last seen after in 1865, in a boat on Shoalwater Bay it he boat was subsequently found adrift. The widow married again in 1866, and her second husband died in 1875. The relatives of Marshall were examined closely and minutely as to his habits, size, weight, general appearance, etc. The widow showed to the satisfaction of the referee that her husband was marked to the seme manner, and that his general appearance corresponded to the description given by the brother and sisters. The question of identity turned almost wholly on the personal description of the deceased, and if the decision of the Surrogate should confirm the report of the Referce, the widow and her children will inherit the property. PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Brevoort House—M. Bartholdi, French Minister at.
Washington... Everett House—Rear-Admiral Henry K. Hoff.
U.S. Navy: Max Strakosch of Paris, and Prof. F. L. Ritter of Vassar College... New-York Hotel—Strevt Major General William Hoffman, U.S. Army, and Trenor W. Park, President of Richmond. St. Nicholas Hotel—Brevet Major General William Hoffman, U.S. Army, and Trenor W. Park, President of the Panama Railread Compuny. Pifth Asence Hotel—Adjutant. General J. Wharton of Louisiana, Prof. D. Cady Enton of New-Heyva, Smith M. Weed of Plattsburg, and Issac V. Baker of Considera, N. Y. Albemarle Hotel—Congressman John O. Whitcheosse of Pongisheebsels, and G. Bakimeteff of the Russian Legation at Washington... Starteant House—Reyvet Bing. Gen. Reumett B. Hill, U.S. Army. Wisdoof Hotel—John Knapp of The St. Louis Republican, and Gen. J. N. Knapp of Amborn, N. Y. Hoffman House—W. S. Godbe of Salt Lake City... Clarendon Hotel—Ex Gov. John T. Hoffman of Albany.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Metropolitan Hotel, and prepare their annual report. The steamship Scythia, with 113 immigrants, arrived at Castle Garden yesterday. "Toes" is all that remains of a sign over a Greenevening they will visit some place of entertainment. On Thursday, Sept. 2, they will inspect the Inman steamer wich st. produce store, that once read " Potatoes."

A mail will be dispatched to Bermuda by the bark Eliza Barsa, which satis thence from this port Aug. 25. Two women fought for several minutes on Broadway, between Peart and Duane-sis., yesterday, without inter-ruption by any policeman. The condition of Mr. James H. Noc at midnight

was very critical, yet was not considered utterly hopeless. The burglar has not yet been discovered. The Assistant Treasurer of the United States began yesterday to pay the interest due Sept. 1 on the 10-40 bonds, not in coin, but by means of checks payable on Sept. 1

The twelfth excursion of the St. John's Guild hospital barge yesterday was enjoyed by over a thousand sick

ceen steemen in port at that time. On Friday, Sept. 3, they will make an excursion on the Union Ferry Company's steamer Winona to Hell Gate, where they will visit the Government works, and to Sandy Hook and the Lower Bay; in the evening they will receive a farewell banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel.

The officers of the National Board of Steam Navigation are as follows: President, J. F. Whiting of Michigan: Vier-Presidents, Thomas Clyde of Pennsylvania and R. H. Woolfork of Kentucky; Corresponding Secretary, B. S. Osbon of New-York; Recerding Secretary, W. L. James of Pennsylvania; Treasurer, J. B. Andrews of Maryland. The Executive Committee consists of 50 members, representing the various steambout interests along the coast, the lakes, and the Western rivers. About \$300,000,000 capital will be represented at the meeting next week. The object of this meeting is to arrange some means of securing the passace by Congress of the Amendatory Shipping law of 1872. The existing law, it is claimed, immeeting of the Board, and the first held in New-York. children and their mothers. The expenses were defrayed by members of the fruit trade. Eric officials state that the rumor as to proceedings by holders of Erie sterling bends is without foundation, a these bonds were not secured by mortgage originally, and if exchanged are convertible into first consolicated bonds.

The Mayor, Controller, Corporation Counsel, and City Chamberlain held a consultation yesterday relative to paying the interest compons on the city stocks and bonds by check, or simply by cashing them. No conclusion was reached Sergeant John F. Buckley of the Seventeenth Pre-The clothing house of William A. Perry, at cinct Police, and Patrolman George Randall of the Twenty, ninth Precinct, were dismissed from the force by the Board of Police yesterday. The complaints against Capta Ulman and Siebert were dismissed. No. 817 Broad-st., Newack, N. J., suspended payment on last Saturday. The affairs of the firm are complicated Co. of Newark and T. W. Sprague & Co. of Clucionati. It Yesterday morning Dr. Cushman made a post

mortem examination of the body of Francis McGoey, the vic-tim of the shovel brawl in Trecker's saloon on Saturday night, and decided that death was canced by exhaustion from hem-orrhage and fatty disease of the kidneys. Nearly 6,000 cigars and a lot of cigarettes, which

sons, one of whom is a partner in the Cincinnati Nearly 6,000 eights and a lot of eighteetes, which had been seized by Custem house officials, were yestertay sold by Burdett & Donois at No. 20 Burdingship, by order of the United States Marshal. The eights brought from \$80 to \$145 per Boussaid, and the eighteetes 12½ cents to 14½ cents per peaking, amounting altogether to \$1,000.

On Monday a clerk employed at Fleisch & Co.'s tions are in progress to obtain from one of

the banks in Newark a loan to enable the firm to reatine business. Mayor Perry is said to control the negotiations, and a statement of the condition of the firm has been prepared with a view to make a satisfactory arrangement with the creditors. The liabilities cannot be determined accurately, but are estimated roughly at \$140,000. ladies' furnishing goods store, at No. 356 Broadway, observed Herman Linermann take several boxes of valuable sitk hand kerchiefs from a counter at the time when everybody was Arrangements have been made at the Relief Hos-

at \$140,000.

The failure of the firm of Edmund & Lewis Dunbam, clothiers, at No. 815 Broad-st., was also announced last week. They have made an assignment of their properly to Mr. Quigley for the bench to their creditors, with nabilities not yet known. It is stated that the original capinal of the firm was from \$80,000 to \$100,000, but the details of the failure, showing the assets and liabilities, are being prepared by the assignee, and will appear in his statement. pital for the construction of an ambulance with three series of springs, so arranged that the vehicle can be driven at a rapid carried. The vehicle is to be kept ready day and night, so that within 15 minutes after a supmons the ambulance, with the attendant singeon, will be at the scene of suffering anywhere within the radius of a mile. rate over the roughest pavements without jarring the pati Yesterday was the third day of the United BROOKLYN. Turners' Festival, and a large number visited Jones's

The daily record of minor burglaries and larcenies

shoot Alderman O'Connell, was examined before Justice Morse vesterday and placed under be also of \$1,500 to keep the place. He was then remainded to jan to await the action of the tist. Letter-Automay concerning a charge of assault with intent to While Rudolph Schultz of No. 72 Johnson-ave.

at a given signal all jumped into the water and struck out for the New-York shore. After a few dozen strokes with a glass pitcher, inturing her severely. Their son, Charles, interfered in his mether's behalf, and during a struggle be out his father in the head with a kinde. The father and son were arrested, and yesterday Justice Elliott held them for examination. out for the New-York shore. After a few dozen strokes three swimmers became exhausted, and were picked up by the boats in attendance. Of the entire number only four swam to the shore. Another amusing feature, and one which caused a great deal of merriment, was boat-tilting. Ten boats were each manned by one rower and another man, who stood at the stem armed with a long pole topped with rubber. As the two boats were rowed past each other each man tried to push off his opponent into the water with his pole. To day the Turners go to Llon Park, and in the evening they will have theatrical representations at Turn Hall. The Kings County Republican General Committee

The Kings County republicant decided last night that primary elections shall be held in the city wards and county towns on Thersday, Aug. 31, and Assembly District conventions on Thursday, Sept. 2, to choose delegates to the state Convention. The Committee adopted a series of resolutions urging united action against "the dominant local verty." Coroner Jacob Reinhart began an inquest in Hoboken last evening, in the case of Caspar Faulhater,

The State Assessors conferred with the Brooklym Board of Assessors and the Tax Committee of the Kings County Sopervisors yesterday, relative to Kings County's share of the State tax. The local officials argued that the valuation of property for State taxation ought to be much lower than for local taxation, and complained that property in Kings County had always been valued for too high for State taxation, in comparison with the property of the inland counties.

The American Museum of Fine Arts will reopen on Sept. 1, and will thereafter to free to the public on Monday and Thursday. Several additions to the loan collection have been made-notably a sintue of Latona by Reimardt. Over

about S o'clock; Fatilhaber was in company with Alexander Gouriay, and was dranking; there was a stranger with them, who left the saloon with Gouriay, and Fatilhaber left about 15 minutes afterward. The witness had heard that Gouriay had a bad character.

Miss Emma Fatilhaber married the visit to the office of a lawyer named Garrick, where the house and lot were transferred and where she believes her husband received a sum of money. He returned with her to their home, and after writing for fifteen minutes, went to fisschoffes saloon. She saw him leave there in company with a man dressed in gray. She searched for him when he did not come to dimer, and could not find him. She believed that her husband had \$2,500 with him when he went away. The inquest was adjourned until Tuesday, Aug. 31.

bundle. Thinking it suspicious, the officer started after him, and after a long and exciting chase, during which the fugitive ran into a house and Jumped out of the second-story window ran into a hotely and, he was caught. The captive said his name was George Wright of No. 99 Washington-st., and that he was was treerge wright of No. 90 Washington st, and that he was a painter. He had been engaged recently in a fight in the Enstern bistrict, and thought the officer was after him. So he ran, and might probably have get away had be not spranted bits ankle. His mysterious boundle contained only his took, and his employers vouched for his honesty, but a night watchman identified him as the man be had seen tryling Mr. Richardson's door at No. 957 Ceriton-ave., so that Wright was locked up as a suspicious character.

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lead, and also measured it by means of a machine affixed to the bottom of their steamer, which projected 20 feet Richard White and James Mulvey, two boys, were sent to the County Jail by Police Justice Davis yesterday, for throwing stenes on the streets. below the water level, and thus served as a gauge for that depth. In case this machine touched bottom, it was so arranged as to rise by the pressure and register the depth. The reef was found to have been virtually destroyed by the engineering operations, and the depth of water apoin it was 25 feet 3 inches at dead low water, and 29 feet 7 inches at mean high water. The former depth of water on this reef was only 12 feet. To-day the Commissioners will inspect Diamond Reef.

Mary A. Waring of New-York was arrested last night by Detective Dalton on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain from Mrs. Corrigau of Wayne-st. She is held for ex-The Committee engaged in preparing the annual

report for the Board of Education, report the total valuation of lots and buildings at \$651,890; books and stationery, \$20, 263 28; furniture, \$44,500. Total valuation of property controlled by the Board, \$716,363 91. At 2 a. m. yesterday Patrolman John Burnett of

eve., near Green-ave., Brooklyn, was lighting the gas in the Third Precinct heard a woman screaming for assistance as his library about 7:15 p. m. yesterday, a disastrous exthe head of the Franklin at steps. He ran toward the place and caw a woman struggling with a man in the darkness. When close to them he ran against a broken lamp-post, which plosion of gas, which is supposed to have been escaping since Monday night, occurred. Mr. Webster, L. G. Thrall When desire to them he has against a robot lamppes, which struck into in the breast. The man ran away, and several persons, attracted by the woman's screams, helped the injured man to the station-house, where it was ascertained that the spinal column was injured. He was carried bette on a stretcher and suffers herribly. The young woman refused to give her name or that of her assailant. of Columbus, Ohio, and Cella Wilson, a servant, were burned severely on their faces and hands. Messrs. Webster and Thrall were taken to the house of Joseph At the meeting of the Board of Public Works held

Hereman at No. 401 Clinton ave, for modical treatment, and the acryant was conveyed to the City Hospital in an ambulance. The windows were shattered, the furniture badly damaged, and the walls of the house considerably injured through being pressed outward by the force of the explosion. The total damage to the house and furniture is estimated at about \$2,500. yesterday, communications were received from the Board of Finance, fixing the annual appropriation for the Board at Finance, fixing the annual appropriation for the Board at \$104,000, and concurring in the award of a contract for fur-nishing 400 tons of bituminous coal for the Water Works. Bids were received for supplying 4,600 tons of authracite coal for the Water Works, the lowest being \$6 30 per ton; and for reconstructing Varick-st, and Summit ave. The Board was authorized to purchase the water mains, laid by the Marion Building Company, for \$5,942 18. The contract of James Mc-Langhin for reconstructing the Bay-street sever, was can-celed because he had not begun work in time, and the work Yesterday afternoon an unknown boy about 17 years of age, with black hair, dark eyes, black coat and trowers, Fray vest, and low sines, was accidentally knocked off a train of the Hudson River Raifroad, white passing under the Flevated Raifroad at Greenwich and Canalists, and instantly killed.

NEWARK. Census returns received from three of the townships give Montelair 3,079, Franklin 1,556, and Livingston 1,229 inhabitants.

ordered done, the excess of cost over the contract to be borne by his bundamen.

A horse and buggy belonging to Dayton Smith, a livery stable keeper in Pearlist, were stellen from in front of No. 34 Marketst, yesterday morning. The eigar store of Joseph Lelange, at No. 9 Perry

et., was entered by burglars on Monday night and robbed of a quantity of cigars and a small sum of money. An attempt was made to break into the adjoining store. Charles Heintze was held to bail in the sum of \$1,000 vesterday for an indecent assant on Mrs. Julie Wipner of No. 60 River-st. The woman's cries brought her husband to her rescue, when Heintze knocked him down and escaped.

STATEN ISLAND. TOMPKINSVILLE.—The Staten Laland Police made large number of arrests on Monday for various offenses.

Among those arrested were six or eight men who struck for higher wages at the Great American Corton Bocks. John Lager, Michael McGrom, and several others were arraigned before Justice Tienan on the charge of riscous conduct and put under bail to keep the peace.

HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES. PEEKSKILL.-Monday evening about 8 o'clock,

while A. B. Pollock was riding with his wife, his residence was entered and two silk dresses, one gold watch and chain, and other articles of jewelry were taken, the whole valued at about MANEW-JERSEY. GUTTENBERG. -- Andrew Kendler, employed in

GUITENBERG. — Andrew Kendler, employed in Kohler's brewery, accidentally set fire to his clothes while working at the boner carry yesterday morning, and was dangerously burned.

PATESON.—William Riddle, age 27, fell from a carriage yesterday and sustained internal injuries which probably will prove fails... Two tomps, giving their names as Morgan and afolderment, were found in a passenger car at the krie depot at an early hour yesterday morning, with a quantity of silverplated ware marked "bodge." They were sent to jail, and the silver ware, of speces in all, is held at Ponce Readquarters for identification.

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